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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	10/786,202	Examiner:	Brahan, Thomas J.
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Title:	<b>Crane Radial Support Bearing</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 25, 2006 and as part of applicant's Request for Continuing Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.